



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Ms. Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Governmental Affairs Manager

Date: March 26, 2013

**RE: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INITIATIVE – NORTH MIAMI REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to continue in the application process in collaboration with Gang Alternative, Inc. with the United States Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND

This grant is a cooperative effort spearheaded by Gang Alternative, Inc., which is serving as the lead agency. The partnership includes: Jessie Trice Community Health Center, Inc., The Village Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs, Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services, South Florida Workforce, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, Q&Q Research, Urban Partnership Drug Free Community Coalition, Communities in Schools, North Miami Middle School, North Miami Senior High School and The Children's Trust. The group project proposal is \$994,734.00 and our component is \$329,150. Our component of this proposal would consist of task force operations aimed at intervention and suppression in areas of North Miami with high crime rates.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND GANG ALTERNATIVE, INC. FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice will be distributing grant funds to be administered by Gang Alternative, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Gang Alternative, Inc. will serve as the lead agency in a collaboration of agencies partnering in the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation proposal; and

WHEREAS, the group is requesting a grant in the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$994,734.00) with an allocation to the City of North Miami in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$329,150.00), with no required match; and

WHEREAS, funds allocated to the City will be used toward task force operations aimed at intervention and suppression of crime in areas of North Miami with high crime rates; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to authorize the submittal of a grant application as well as the negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City of North Miami and Gang Alternative, Inc. for the purpose of securing grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Submittal of Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submission of an application to the United States Department of Justice.

Section 2. **Authority to City Manager and City Attorney.** The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami, Florida and Gang Alternative, Inc.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of March, 2013.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)